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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY - MARCH 2

1. NYT (PAGE 1) DAVID SHIPLER REPORTS KOSYGIN ASSERTED THAT THE SOVIET UNION MADE IMPORTANT GAINS IN ITS ECONOMIC COMPETITION WITH CAPITALISM. ALSO SUN.
2. NYT (PAGE 1) REPORTS FROM DALLAS THAT NORMAN REES WARNED DALLAS HERALD OFFICIALS ONLY HOURS BEFORE PRESS TIME SATURDAY NIGHT THAT HE WOULD KILL HIMSELF IF PAPER RAN STORY EXPOSING HIS ALLEGED SPYING ACTIVITIES. ALSO WSJ AND STAR.
3. NYT (PAGE 2) REPORTS FROM UN THAT SOVIET MISSION THERE PROTESTED SHOOTING AT ITS RESIDENCE IN RIVERDALE.
4. NYT (PAGE 3) CHRISTOPHER WREN SAYS BREZHNEV'S BOUQUETS SEEM TO SAY HIS STAR IS RISING.
5. NYT (PAGE 3) BRIEF REUTER'S ITEM REPORTS MOSCOW EASES TRAVEL FOR FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS.
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6. WP (PAGE 1) PETER OSNOS REPORTS ITALIAN COMMUNIST

PARTY CHIEF AND BREZHNEV AGREED AFTER A MEETING THAT

RELATIONS BETWEEN THEIR TWO PARTIES SHOULD BE BASED ON
"RESPECT FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF EACH OF THEM".

7. WP (PAGE 16) PETER OSNOS SAYS PRAISE FOR BREZHNEV
GROWS ALONG WITH SIGNS OF POWER.

8. WP (OP-ED PAGE) CLAYTON FRITCHEY'S "THE END OF THE
FIFTH COLUMN" SAYS NOW THAT ONCE SUBSERVIENT COMMUNIST
PARTIES ALL OVER THE WORLD, BUT ESPECIALLY IN WESTERN
EUROPE, ARE OPENLY THUMBING THEIR NOSES AT MOSCOW,
THERE SEEMS TO BE NO THREAT OF THE ONCE-DREADED FIFTH
COLUMN OR COMINTERN OR ALL TALK OF REVIVING POPULAR
FRONT MOVEMENT WOULD BE IDLE.

9. WSJ (PAGE 1) WORLD-WIDE NEWS REPORTS SEVERAL ITEMS:
ONE, THAT U.S. RELATIONS WITH RUSSIA AND CHINA CAN'T
BE TERMED "DETENTE" ACCORDING TO PRESIDENT IN TV INTER-
VIEW SAYING HE DOESN'T USE THE WORD ANYMORE AND THAT HE
THINKS WHAT OUGHT TO BE SAID IS WE SEEK TO RELAX TENSIONS
WITH SOVIET UNION, CHINA AND OTHERS SO THAT WE CAN
CONTINUE A POLICY OF PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH; SECOND
THAT RUSSIAN PARTY CONGRESS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED
BREZHNEV REPORT PLEDGING CONTINUED DETENTE WITH WEST
COUPLED WITH STRONG SUPPORT OF LEFTIST REVOLUTIONARIES
AROUND THE WORLD; THIRD, KOSYGIN MAINTAINED OFFICIAL
SECRECY IN SOVIET UNION ABOUT U.S. GRAIN PURCHASES
WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING AGRICULTURE AS WEAK SPOT IN SOVIET
ECONOMY; ALSO REPORTED BREZHNEV-BERLINGUER MEETING.

10. STAR (PAGE 1) HENRY BRADSHER REPORTS FORD DISCARDS
WORD DETENTE BUT POLICY IS STILL THE SAME. ALSO SUN.

11. STAR (PAGE 4) UPI FROM MOSCOW SAYS PARTY CONGRESS
IS RUNNING AHEAD OF SCHEDULE PROMPTING SPECULATION THAT
IT MAY END EARLY TO GIVE SOVIET LEADERS A CHANCE TO
HOLD STRATEGY SESSIONS WITH FOREIGN COMMUNIST CHIEFS.

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12. SUN (PAGE 2) AP FROM LONDON SAYS SOLZHENITSYN SAID
WEST "IS ON VERGE OF COLLAPSE" BECAUSE OF "CAPITULATIONS"
IN PURSUING DETENTE WITH THE SOVIET UNION.

13. SUN (PAGE 3) REPORTS FROM MOSCOW SOVIETS FEUD HAS
SHARPENED TO INCLUDE INNUENDO THAT MAO ACCELERATED
CHOU'S DEATH AND A DRIVE FOR PEKING'S EXCOMMUNICATION
FROM WORLD COMMUNIST MOVEMENT.

14. SUN (OP-ED PAGE) JOE KRAFT'S "THREE-CORNERED WORLD

STILL FAVORS U.S." SAYS TRICK IS TO KEEP RUSSIA ENGAGED
IN CONTINUING ARMS CONTROL TALKS WHILE MAINTAINING THE

ONE THING THE CHINESE REALLY NEED, WHICH IS A STRONG
AMERICAN PRESENCE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

MARCH 1

1. CSM (PAGE 4) ELIZABETH POND SAYS GROWING INDEPENDENCE
OF WESTERN EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES FROM MOSCOW --
AND KREMLIN'S UNHAPPINESS ABOUT IT -- IS THE DOMINANT
FOREIGN POLICY THEME IN THE 25TH SOVIET PARTY CONGRESS.

2. CSM (PAGE 11) REPORTS FROM NEW YORK AN UNPRECEDENTED
EXHIBITION OF UNOFFICIAL CONTEMPORARY SOVIET ART CAN BE
SEEN AT THE RONALD FELDMAN GALLERY.

3. CSM (OP-ED PAGE) EDIT "COMMUNIST INDEPENDENCE?"
CONCLUDES, TALKING ABOUT INDEPENDENCE FROM MOSCOW BY
COMMUNIST PARTIES, THAT PROTESTS AGAINST SOVIET
DOMINATION AND IN FAVOR OF INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES WILL
HAVE TO BE DEMONSTRATED WITHIN PARTY ORGANIZATIONS AS
WELL AS IN NATIONAL AFFAIRS AND FOREIGN POLICY BEFORE
THERE CAN BE TOO MUCH WESTERN SATISFACTION OVER THE
RECENT SPEECHES IN MOSCOW. INGERSOLL

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